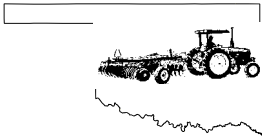


OKLAHOMA CROP-WEATHER

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Winter Wheat Harvest Delayed Due to Wet Conditions

May 25 - Another week of rainfall delayed fieldwork activities for much of the State. However, the rainfall combined with warm conditions in most parts of the State helped boost row crop development and improve soil moisture conditions for future planting. Wheat and pasture have benefitted from the favorable growing conditions. The South Central district received the most precipitation with 2.15 inches while the West Central district received the least with 0.47 inches. Even with the recent rains, all areas of the state still need additional moisture. At week's end, all the districts precipitation totals were below normal for the current growing season. Farmers had 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the week.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	20	72	6
Last Week	14	30	49	7
Last Year	15	22	59	4

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	33	55	5
Last Week	18	32	45	5
Last Year	24	28	44	4

Small Grains: Wet conditions halted wheat harvest most of the week in the Southwest district. Harvest totaled 1 percent but should advance on a broader scale in the Southwest district and in other areas of the State as soon as field conditions allow. The yields of early harvested fields in Southwest Oklahoma were below average but better than expected. Quality has been above average. Statewide, wheat condition was rated as mostly fair to good. Wheat in the soft dough stage of development gained an additional 27 percentage points from last week to 79 percent. Oats heading advanced to 86 percent, while 46 percent were in the soft dough stage. Crop insect activity was reported as mostly none to light. Armyworm infestations were reported in some areas.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 25, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Wheat					
This Week	3	8	31	45	13
Last Week	5	11	30	41	13
Last Year	19	15	28	33	5
Rye					
This Week	4	8	29	53	6
Oats					
This Week	2	11	39	45	3

Row Crops: Seedbed preparation and row crop planting were delayed for many producers during the week due to the wet field conditions. At week's end, planting and emergence of all row crops except for corn and sorghum were running ahead of normal. Corn planting was 94 percent complete, slightly behind the normal pace. Peanut and cotton plantings were at 84 and 76 percent planted respectively, while soybeans and sorghum were at 56 and 25 percent planted, respectively.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 25, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	10	31	58
Peanuts	0	0	25	61	14

Hay: The first cutting of alfalfa was 92 percent complete and the second cutting was getting underway with 4 percent complete. First cutting of other hay was 42 percent complete.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 25, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	5	25	60	10
Other Hay	1	9	38	43	9

Specialty Crops: Ninety-four percent of the watermelons were planted with 29 percent running by week's end.

Pasture: Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated as mostly fair to good. The recent warm temperatures and soil moisture improvement promoted pasture growth. Armyworm infestations led some producers to apply control treatments to their pasture.

Livestock: Livestock conditions were rated as mostly fair to excellent. Livestock insect activities were rated as light to moderate with ticks and flies the most prominent problem reported. Cattle auctions reported average marketings for the week. The price for feeder steers less than 800 pounds increased from last week and averaged \$84.44 per cwt. The average price for feeder heifers less than 800 pounds also increased from last week and averaged \$78.99 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending May 25, 2003

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	2	21	59	18
Pasture & Range	2	12	32	46	8

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending May 25, 2003									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr. Avg.
Wheat -					Peanuts -				
Soft Dough	79	52	71	66	Seedbed Prepared	98	95	96	97
Harvested	1	n/a	1	2	Planted	84	72	78	74
Oats -					Emerged	59	48	42	43
Jointing	95	92	96	97	Cotton -				
Headed	86	72	69	85	Seedbed Prepared	99	96	95	97
Soft Dough	46	33	56	53	Planted	76	61	72	64
Corn -					Emerged	46	37	44	42
Seedbed Prepared	100	97	94	98	Alfalfa -				
Planted	94	72	95	98	1 st Cutting	92	82	84	88
Emerged	60	44	91	93	2 nd Cutting	4	n/a	5	9
Sorghum -					Other Hay -				
Seedbed Prepared	68	56	72	80	1 st Cutting	42	33	44	46
Planted	25	21	35	28	Watermelons -				
Emerged	18	14	28	20	Planted	94	91	96	95
Soybeans -					Running	29	9	39	24
Seedbed Prepared	81	70	77	86					
Planted	56	39	47	52					
Emerged	41	25	37	35					

WEATHER FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 25, 2003 - Temperatures ranged from 40 degrees at Boise City on Tuesday, May 20th to 101 degrees at Grandfield on Monday, May 19th. Precipitation averaged 0.47 in. West Central district to 2.15 in. South Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 61 degrees at Shawnee on Wednesday, May 21st to 81 degrees at Grandfield and Waurika on Monday, May 19th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending May 25, 2003							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2003 to May 25, 2003		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	76	53	64	0.55	4.06	- 2.14	65
West Central	75	56	65	0.47	5.71	- 3.24	64
Southwest	78	58	68	1.75	5.31	- 3.63	59
North Central	74	55	64	0.67	8.52	- 0.93	90
Central	75	56	65	1.23	7.86	- 3.45	69
South Central	77	58	68	2.15	6.88	- 4.94	58
Northeast	74	54	64	1.35	11.31	- 0.78	94
East Central	75	56	65	1.34	9.84	- 3.33	75
Southeast	78	57	67	1.04	7.74	- 6.36	55